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Holiday Party
Saturday, December 8, 2018
4 pm-7pm at the Home of Pat and Ward Fredericks
75375 Painted Desert Drive, Indian Wells, CA 92210

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JOIN AAUW PALMSPRINGS BRANCH
FOR OUR ANNUAL

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4-7 p.m.

At the home of Pat Fredericks

75375 Painted Desert Drive

Indian Wells, CA 92210

Please bring finger/toothpick food

"heavy" appetizers, shrimp, small sandwiches, cheese and crackers, cold cuts, fruit, veggies and dips, etc. & beverage of your choice

RSVP

RSVP by December 1, 2018

(760)674-4649 or pfredericks4444@gmail.com

Please let us know if a guest will accompany you
and what you will be bringing as a food item



President's Message



Happy holidays. 'Tis the season for fun, guests and busy times. I hope you all plan on attending the Holiday Party on the 8th of December at my home at 75375 Painted Desert Drive, Indian Wells. I have been busy decorating and getting ready to greet everyone!

This time of year is very special to all religions and faiths. The songs on the radio, the TV programs and the special services at our places of worship all celebrate a special season. We need to be thankful for our ability to spend this special time with the people we love and remember those who has passed from our lives but not our hearts. We need to remember those

who are serving our country and can not be home with their loved ones. As we gather around the table for a special Thanksgiving and holiday with our family and loved ones please remember those have gone before. I sincerely hope that this is the best celebration ever for each and every one of you.

We will be celebrating our 70th anniversary in January. Who can believe that our Branch is 70 years old!? We will be looking back to the year 1949 and what our valley looked like then. What a milestone in our Branch's life. The members who were so instrumental in starting the Palm Springs Branch of AAUW were a special group of women. I'll bet they would be very surprised to see what they started. Our Branch has grown and involve a widely diverse group of women who are as special as our founders. Our commitment is to the values of AAUW, to the young women who will be taking over for us, and the future that AAUW has here in the Coachella Valley. We should, each, be very proud of the success of our Branch and the future that members of this Branch will see. I hope they are as proud of us as we are of our founding members.

In 2019 we celebrate a vital organization that brings people together and does important work. Our energy, goodwill, and intelligence is brought forward to advance the mission of AAUW. Our founders would be so proud of the work we do with Teck Trek, and the important relationships we foster with our members and those we help.

Pat Fredericks
President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch

President Elect's Message

Our longtime member, Tricia Doran, chaired a committee to review our Branch Policies and Procedures. Known as P&Ps, it was a very involved and necessary undertaking, which also included revision of job descriptions for both our elected positions and our appointed positions.

The P&Ps revisions were unanimously approved at our Saturday luncheon on November 10, 2018.

The following approved changes are the most significant:

- (1) Separation of the fundraising functions from the President Elect position and create a Fundraiser elected Board position for both Tech Trek and AAUW Fund. Board positions will increase from 6 to 7
- (2) Serve a 2 year term for both the elected Board positions and the Appointed positions, all of which have revised and updated job descriptions
- (3) Create Appointed position for Branch Historian
- (4) Create Appointed position for Activity Group Coordinator to

oversee activity groups

(5) Ensure election of Officers and the Annual meeting occur in April with Officer installation in May

(6) Delete section of Fundraising. Deductibility (portion of dues and donations will still be deductible)

(7) Delete section of Raffles and Opportunity Drawings

(8) Delete two sections of the AAUW Fund

Much appreciation is extended to Committee members Tricia Doran, Judy Schurr, Shelley Mitchell, Pat Fredericks, Gail Hughes, and Sharrell Blakeley.

Sharrell Blakeley

President Elect, AAUW Palm Springs Branch



Palm Springs Branch 2018-2019 Board of Directors



President:	Pat Fredericks
President Elect:	Sharrell Blakeley
Program VP:	Shelly Mitchell
AAUW Fund:	Sharrell Blakeley
Membership VP:	Sharron Cantarini
Secretary:	Joanne Lane
Treasurer:	Gillian German

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

MISSION: *AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

VISION: *Equity for all.*

Values: *Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion. Intersectionality.*

DIVERSITY: *In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.*

VALUE PROMISE: *By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.*



Membership

REMINDER: Luncheon dues will increase February 2019

December Member Spotlight

Elaine Levey



1. How has AAUW empowered me?

I joined AAUW in Connecticut in the 70's. We lived in a small town, and every September the community center had a meeting and all clubs in town had a table with members describing what they were about. I joined AAUW a branch of maybe 50 women, 20 of whom were active, and enjoyed it. When I moved to Los Angeles in the early 80's, I tried to find AAUW, and it wasn't easy. I finally noticed a flyer in the rack of a real estate office, and joined the San Fernando Valley branch, where I became a very active member, doing Membership and serving as branch president. That branch was very active, and usually

a dozen or us would go to conventions, both state and national. Moving to the desert in 2005, I immediately joined our branch and became a board member right away, and stayed on the board until last year, serving as branch president, treasurer, newsletter editor in the past, and still doing emails to branch members.

2. What is my favorite aspect of our Palm Springs Branch?

My favorite part of this branch is the Book Group. We have some very intelligent women who share their knowledge and backgrounds when it relates to the book we've read.

3. Education/Life's work?

I most recently worked in the stock brokerage industry. Years ago AAUW had an "interest group" on finance for those of us with little or no knowledge about it. From that group we formed an investment club and I learned a lot more. Unfortunately someone in the organization found fault with their investment club, and so AAUW had to separate itself from all of the clubs, but my club continued on its own. So my career came out of my education from AAUW.

4. What do I do for fun?

I live in Sun City Palm Desert, and enjoy the many activities we have here. I swim daily, go to the shows and free movies, eat in the restaurants and have made many friends here. I enjoy going out to eat with my friends, and until recently organized a dining-out group once a month. I love to garden, and have my tomatoes and herbs planted and doing well.



Put the Name with the Face!

The online membership directory now contains an excel spreadsheet of our members as well as a word document with PHOTOS (as available)! Both are available by following the directions below

There are 4 easy steps to accessing the directory:

1. Log onto the branch's web page <http://palmsprings-ca.aauw.net/>
2. Click on the **Members Only Tab** below the branch name
3. You will be directed to a page to enter a password; enter **palmsprings** (all one word, no caps) and Click **ENTER**
4. You will be taken back to the home page. Simply **click back on the Members Only Tab** again and you can access the directory and newsletters !

If you notice that your information is wrong or need to update your information please contact **Michelle Newman** at (909) 537-8140

- **If you would like a visual representation of these directions please [CLICK HERE](#)**
- If you would like help walking through this process please call or email Michelle Newman and she would be happy to help. (909) 537-8140

Tech Trek





The Tech Trek Alumni Club will be touring the new Rancho Mirage Observatory **November 14, 2019, at 3:30.** The Alumni Club will explore the secrets of the universe with a private tour of the Rancho Mirage Observatory. Six girls are attending. The 60-minute session will be lead by chief astronomer Eric McLaughlin and will expand our knowledge and understanding of our miraculous skies. Joining our TT girls and parents will be Peggy Mengel, TT Alumni Club Chair, as well as Peggy Shippen and Pat Fredericks.

The TT Alumni Club provides two outings for girls for past TT girls. **Members needed to contact girls for 2 events.** Interested? Contact Peggy - pmengel@san.rr.com



2018 AAUW Palm Springs Branch Tech Trekkers

This year our goal is to send 10 girls to AAUW STEM Camp. Please make a donation to Tech Trek so future Coachella Valley girls interested in STEM may enjoy a life-changing one-week experience on the UC Irvine Campus. Donations are tax-deductible.

\$1000 will sponsor one girl
\$500 for half a sponsorship

Make checks payable to
“AAUW-SPF” Notation: “PS UC Irvine
Camp”

Mail checks to: DeeDee Warren TT
Treasurer, PO Box 11423, Palm Desert,
92255-1423.



Donor Corner



Thank You, Louise Kermode!



Louise Kermode joined AAUW because Tech Trek (TT) is her love. She really believes in sending Coachella Valley girls to AAUW STEM

Camp. It's not only a way to give back to her community but also encourage young 7th graders to stay interested in STEM, go on to college and have the opportunity to engage in amazing careers.

Over many years, Louise has not only donated generously toward Tech Trek sponsorships, paying for girls to spend a week on the UC Irvine campus, but she also has donated many hours of her time reading applications and essays, interviewing girls and attending meetings to select Campers and orienting them and their parents for Camp.



Every year, Louise and Angie Love drive out to middle schools in Thermal and Salton Sea and interview girls for TT selection. The first year they got lost – they could see the school but couldn't figure out for a while how to get to it. In the process they became great friends and look forward to traveling to the east end of Coachella Valley together every year.

Last year, the TT Team decided it was important to give newly selected Campers t-shirts that identified them as Tech Trekkers from our branch. Louise volunteered to support that endeavor and helped make it happen.

This spring, as she does every spring, Louise was helping at the TT Orientation and Fun Party. You see her here passing out the AAUW-PS Branch t-shirts with "great gusto"- with a heart as big as all outdoors, having a great time and making sure the girls did too. Nothing slows Louise down and for that we're grateful!

Peggy Shippen
Tech Trek Coordinator
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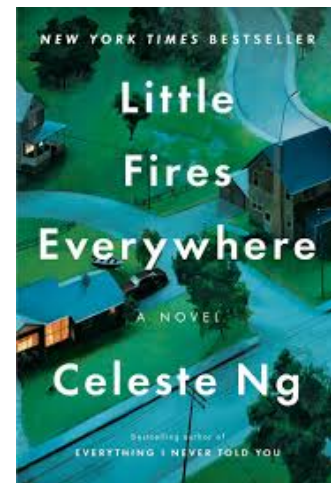


Interest Groups

Book Club

The AAUW Book Club will be meeting on **December 12, 2018 at 2 P.M.** to discuss the book *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng at the home of Roberta Young. Roberta will also lead the discussion.

Roberta Young
437 North Calle Rolph
Palm Springs, CA 92262-0706



Great Decisions



AAUW Palm Springs participates in the USA's largest discussion program concerning world affairs. The program is called Great Decisions, and is made available through the Foreign Policy Association. It involves reading a topic in the Briefing Book prepared by FPA, then meeting to watch a video segment on the topic, and discuss the issues presented. The selected topics to be discussed in 2019 are the

following: Global Migration; Middle East; Nuclear Negotiations; Nationalism in Europe; Trade with China; Cyber Conflict; US & Mexico; State of Diplomacy.

All members are invited to join the Great Decisions discussion group. Purchase of the Briefing Book is required, and participants are asked to volunteer to host a meeting. The group meets once a month, January through June, and in September and October. Historically, the group has met on the third Tuesday of the month. The first meeting will be on **January 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, at Judy Schurr's home in Indian Wells. If you are interested in participating please let Judy know. Her email is jschurr@earthlink.net, or you may text or call her at (760) 641-9347.

Out & About



December Activity

A DAY "AT THE FACTORY"
(NOT to be confused with a day "At the Races"!)

Tour guide: Paul Sanders

Followed by a no-host lunch at
Cheesecake Factory



Brandini Factory Tour Sign-up Sheet
Tour is Limited to the first 30 members who sign up

Date:
Thursday, December 6, 2018

Arrival time:
10:15 a.m.

Address:
42250 Bob Hope Drive in Rancho Mirage.
(Located behind Hobby Lobby)

Brandini Toffee



Requirement: Wear closed toe shoes

RSVP: Martha McCool

MarthaMaeMcCool@gmail.com

760.771.5428

I will need your call back number for confirmation

Tour is limited to the first 30 members who sign up

Reel Revelers

Reel Revelers will not be meeting in December.



November Luncheon







December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2  HAPPY HANUKKAH	3 Happy Birthday Gerri Johnson!	4	5	6 Happy Birthday Barbara Foyill Out and About Activity	7  PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8  Holiday Party 4-7 pm Pat Frederick's home
9	10 Happy Birthday Judy Schurr!	11	12 Book Club 2:00 pm	13 Happy Birthday Susan Rosenberg!	14 Happy Birthday Martha McCool!	15
16	17	18 Happy Birthday Joann Lane!	19	20	21	22
23 Happy Birthday Elizabeth Boyd!	24	25  Merry Christmas	26  KWANZAA	27 Happy Birthday Ruth Kuhlemeier!	28 Happy Birthday Marty McCoy!	30
30 Happy Birthday Joyce Kornbluh and Eva Walker Dupre!	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE	1  HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4	5

December 2 Happy Hannakah
 December 3 **Happy Birthday Gerri Johnson!**
 December 6 **Happy Birthday Barbara Foyill!**
 December 6 Out and About Activity
 December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 December 8 Holiday Party
 December 10 **Happy Birthday Judy Schurr!**
 December 12 Book Club
 December 13 **Happy Birthday Susan Rosenberg!**
 December 14 **Happy Birthday Martha McCool!**
 December 18 **Happy Birthday Joann Lane!**
 December 23 **Happy Birthday Elizabeth Boyd!**
 December 25 Merry Christmas



December 26 Happy Kwanzaa

December 27 **Happy Birthday Ruth Kuhlemeier!**

December 28 **Happy Birthday Marty McCoy!**

December 30 **Happy Birthday Joyce Kornbluh!**

December 30 **Happy Birthday Eva Walker Dupre!**

December 31 Happy New Year's Eve

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